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Regarding Point V

Reasoned statement regarding novelty, inventive activity and commercial usability; References and Explanations in Support of this Statement

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: FR-A-2 522 976 (TUA SKI SRL) 16 September 1983 (1983-09-16)

1. Document D1 is considered to be the closest state of the art as regards the subject of claim 1. It discloses (references to parentheses relate to this document):

a snow gliding body (Fig. 1) with a divided gliding surface and consisting of two gliding members (Fig. 8(2)) and an elongate web provided therebetween (Fig. 8).

The subject of claims 1 thus distinguishes from the known snow gliding body by lateral gaps provided between the gliding members and the elongate web and by the areas of transition of the elongate web with the forward and rear sections of the basic body being curved.

Therefore, the subject of claim 1 is new (Article 33(2) PCT).

2. A higher flexibility and, at the same time, dampening is made possible

by these elements.

3. Claims 2 - 4 are dependent from claim 1 and thus also satisfy the requirements of the PCT as to novelty and inventive activity.